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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1773

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Toshinori Ono, *et al.*  
Serial No. : 09/784,952  
Filed : February 16, 2001  
For : MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, THE  
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND MAGNETIC  
RECORDING APPARATUS USING THE SAME  
Group : 1773  
Examiner : Nikolas J. Uhler

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: